

*Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 - Expedited Examining Procedure*

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**Remarks**

Claims 16-20 having been canceled, the pending claims are claims 1-3 and 14-15.

Entry of the amendment submitted herewith is respectfully requested.

**Examiner Interview**

A telephonic Examiner Interview was held on April 16, 2004, with Examiner Ruixiang Li and Applicants' Representative Nancy Johnson in which proposed amendments to claims 16-20 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that amendments to claims 16-20 would require further consideration and, in view of the Final Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, would not be entered. Thus, to expedite prosecution, claims 16-20 are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the prosecution of claims 16-20 in a continuing application. Examiner Li is thanked for the courtesy of this interview.

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It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1-3 and 12-15 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted for  
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